

THE AGRICULTURIST.

LETTER FROM TURKEY HUNTER.

Friend Editor:—

Whenever I am invited to a wedding, a feast, a ball, or any kind of social party, believing I will be made perfectly welcome, I pitch right in with good cheer and hearty alacrity. So it is with the invitation to appear in the columns of your Agricultural Department. Having no doubt of your sincerity, I was on board "in double quick time," notwithstanding my natural timidity, modesty, and incompetency; and having decided I was right, I said to myself, in the laconic words of my old beloved friend and "illustrious predecessor" David Crockett, now "go ahead" "halens colens." It will not astonish me a great deal, if you find me rather a troublesome customer, occupying space in your columns more properly entitled to abler, and more available contributors.

But relying upon your forbearance and the discretion and intelligence of the community, I rest satisfied, the weakness, and green forwardness of an old backwoodsman, will be looked over with extenuation and pity. When I see in a country like ours, with so many natural advantages, susceptible of so much improvement, and of such vast resources, both as to soil and climate—of such accommodating facilities for exporting all our surplus, and that at satisfactory and encouraging prices paid in hand at our very doors—of such fine adaptation to stock raising and small grain articles in such high demands and at such flattering prices; then, when I look around at the loose and careless manner of farming, the rude, make-shift way of putting in to our good old Mother Earth our seed, and vegetables of almost every variety in our use; when I see such overstretching of the quantity of land for the force to be applied to its cultivation, the signal display of bad judgment, or no judgment at all in the time of plowing the soil and of making allowances for loss time by rain or other unforeseen causes, then the want of necessary attention in gathering in what is made, and taking care of it when it is made, the shockingly bad management of feeding stock out in all sorts of foul winter weather, their food injured, and much of it wasted under foot; and last, though not least, the want of stalls or shelter to secure them from the cold rains and pelting sleets, and a host of other faults in management, my poor heart grows sad at so shocking a spectacle! and I feel like crying out and sparing not in trying to aid in effecting a better state of things. How long ye brethren of the agricultural fraternity—ye favored sons of old Tennessee, and especially of Franklin County,—O! how long will ye defer entering the shining Courts of true Economy, and carrying into operation the beautiful philosophy of domestic life? Had I the lungs of a Gabriel, the tongue of a Tully, and the voice of ten-fold thunder so that I could be heard from Carter to Shelby, I would fly with eager rapidity to the tallest peak of Cumberland Mountains, and taking my stand thereon, I would thunder forth in Clarion tone—Attention! Tennesseans!—On your right into lines; wheel, forward, march—onward and upward, until you plant yourselves upon the great scientific Platform of Agriculture;—there learn your best interests—your health, your comfort, your prosperity. Cut loose my dear brethren, from your antiquated notions which have grown up to huge dimensions with your growth, and strengthened with your strength.

Remember me live in a fast and enterprising age—an age of precocity, steam, gas, and electricity! Our improvement in agriculture, is far in the rear of the progress of the times. It is far from a just proportion to the onward march of improvements in the mechanic arts and the na-

tural sciences. O! absurd, traditional notions have been long in the ascendant; but it is evident that more correct and truly philosophical views are now beginning to prevail: satisfactory experiments—satisfactory beyond sanguine expectation, are having the legitimate effect in many parts of the country, while in the main, we are far in the distance behind the indispensable economy and wise mode of procedure, that must ensure us golden fields and abundant harvests. There is treasure in our soil, if the skillful hand of the husbandman will only bring it to light. We have no need of going to California to collect the shining ore, while it lies enshrined in the genial bosom of our own Tennessee earth.

We live in a soil quite sufficient to support double the population, and place in market as much or more surplus, with the same labor, and but little more expense. Here in Franklin County, not to go any farther, hundreds, nay, thousands of acres of land thrown out as worthless and grown up in sedge and briars, might in a few years be made to overwhelm and delight the astonished peasant by who had but a short time before beheld but desolation and waste, as he gazed upon luxuriant fields of waving grain, or smiling meadows, gladdening the heart of the husbandman with the assurance of a bountiful harvest, and returning him ample rewards for his toil and labor. Barren places must be fertilized, and fertile places ornamented and improved before we can effect really a healthy condition of things in our domestic and industrial pursuits.

In our progress towards literary eminence, many have ascended the empty real heights of poetry, and have gathered the laurel wreaths of genius; others have trodden the enchanted ground of fictitious narrative, and have been honored by the tears of beauty and the smiles of virtue. The principles of science, literature, philosophy, jurisprudence, and theology, have been unfolded, and the intellectual glory of America exalted by several writers of genius and erudition, while there are many others who will soon shine in the galaxy of literature and science as stars of the first magnitude. May we not hope that those arts and sciences on which the more substantial interests of our country so greatly depend, will be fostered and improved by some at least, of those whose transcendental abilities and practical knowledge so eminently benefit them?

My reference is particularly to agriculture. The auspices of our widely extended country are indeed animating, and seem to foreshadow its future greatness.

But if we lag behind in the application of science in our agricultural pursuits, it will be a lamentable impediment in our onward march to that distinction that rightfully belongs to a moral, enterprising, intelligent and refined people. It is encouraging to see many of our intelligent planters shaking off old prejudices, and trying the reality of scientific improvements. Let us be up and doing, my brethren of the farming craft and keep the ball in motion. Let us take a very long pull altogether, no odds whether we carry on a "one-horse business," or a two fold double team, "Excelsior" being our motto.

ECONOMY ON THE FARM. No one subject is so little understood and practiced by southern farmers, as economy. By this we are not to be understood as advocating parsimony or niggardly stinginess, for this would lead to results more to be deprecated than extravagance; but the lesson we wish to inculcate is that order of things, that perfect system of management on the farm, with regard to the cultivation of the soil, the improvement of stock, and the bringing in of

every department of agriculture, her culture, stock raising, and gardening, so that each shall be a source of profit to the owner. How then is this desirable object to be obtained, asks the reader. We answer, by as little labor as the present system costs, and with far more profit. Our notion in regard to the quantity of land which a man ought to attempt to cultivate, is measured alone by the force which he employs, and his ability to make it profitable; and experience demonstrates beyond cavil, that a few acres well cultivated, yield much better crops than a large quantity which cannot receive proper attention. The lesson, then, taught by experience is, that we should not attempt more than we are able to perform, for if we over tax our labors, the result is exactly the same in relation to its effects upon the crops of whatever we have attempted to perform as too much work or neglect of giving sufficient nutriment would have upon the physical system, every part of which would become affected by imprudence, and rendered feeble and incapable of sustaining healthy and vigorous action. The want of nutriment in the stomach would affect the whole physical system—the want of proper cultivation affects the whole crop.

The error does not cease with the complaint that our farmers attempt to cultivate too much land, but extends itself over all their operations, and it does seem next to impossible for them to learn that two horses or oxen in proper order, will do more than six of the horse frames or skeletons which they use for farm purposes; that it is not so much the quantity of land, cattle, hogs or sheep that a farmer can boast of that adds to his profits, as it is the quality and order in which they are treated. So with everything on which the planter relies for sustenance and support. Attempt nothing which cannot be satisfactorily performed—work only such force as can be judiciously employed—keep your stock in good order—your farming implements ought to be of the most approved kind, and see that all are kept in their proper place. In a word, if you so employ your time and so arrange your affairs as that everything shall profit, and yield interest upon the capital employed, you will then have arrived at the true definition of what we mean by economy on the farm. For with proper management everything will produce some interest on the capital invested, and the farmer who does not realize this fact, to its fullest extent, should either change his present method of management or acknowledge that he has mistaken in his avocation, —SOUTHERN FARMER.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION.—The Norfolk Argus communicates a fact in one of its recent issues, which is highly important—particularly to such as are threatened with that fatal and insidious disease, known as consumption. It seems a gentleman in Louisiana bought some consumptive negroes from a dealer in Norfolk, and placed them on his sugar plantation. They ate plentifully of the cane, but more especially of the young shoots. The slaves who had been thin, weak and sickly, soon became strong, robust and hearty, and in a short time all traces of the disease with which they had been affected entirely disappeared. The Argus learns that this planter has a standing order at Norfolk for negroes who have the symptoms of the disease, and of course expects to get them at a reduced price. —Petersburg (Va.) Express.

"Beautiful is the love and the kiss of a sister."—Old Paper.

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HOWARD ASSOCIATION. PHILADELPHIA.

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The Howard Association is a benevolent Institution, established by special endowment, for the relief of the sick and distressed, afflicted with "Virulent and Epidemic Diseases." It has now a surplus of means, which the Directors have voted to expend in advertising the above notice. It is needless to add that the Association commands the highest Medical skill of the age, and will furnish the most approved modern treatment.

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Address, Dr. GEO. R. CALHOUN, Consulting Surgeon, Howard Association, No. 2, South NINTH Street, Philadelphia, Pa. By order of the Directors.

EZRA D. HEARTWELL, President. GEO. FAIRCHILD, Secretary. Feb 6 '60

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